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Grade seven student Brady Clark with his winning Minden Sled Dog Derby poster. The colourful children's posters go on display throughout Minden this week.

Derby posters now on display

The posters are in and the judging is complete. And the entry of Grade seven student Brady Clark has been declared the best over-all in the Minden Sled Dog Derby students poster contest.

This annual contest is supported by the students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School who help create colour-

ful posters promoting the event. The posters are displayed in business windows throughout the community and help add to the excitement leading up to the race.

"The students' work is always so colourful and eye-catching," Race Governor Val Lougheed commented. "We try to ensure that each poster is

displayed somewhere in the community in recognition of the effort the students put into the creations."

The posters have been distributed throughout the community and are now on display.

Judges chose the three most interesting posters in each grade level. The award winners *(more on page 2)*

Separate mishaps claim two lives

The snowmobiling season is barely a few weeks old and two riders have lost their lives in Haliburton County in separate accidents.

Robert Craftchick of the Gooderham area went for a ride on Pine Lake late Christmas Eve. When he failed to return after midnight, friends went looking for him and found him near one of the islands on the lake. The OPP report states that Craftchick's snowmobile, a 1990 Yamaha, had struck a stump, throwing him from the machine. He was transported to a waiting ambulance and taken to the Haliburton Hospital. From there, he was taken to the Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto, where he succumbed to his injuries, two days later, on his 25th birthday.

Police say the accident is still under investigation since alcohol was a factor and the snow machine had been reported stolen in October of 1996.

Craftchick's heart was do-

nated to the organ transplant program.

Twenty-nine-year-old Boyde Sterling of Oshawa was the second Christmas week accident victim. Police report that Sterling was riding near Black Lake in the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve when his 1994 Polaris Indy 650 struck a tree and sign post. The accident occurred at about 3:30 a.m. December 28. The scene of the accident was 9.6 kilometres from the nearest location accessible by ambulance. One of the new rescue sleighs was used to carry the victim to the waiting ambulance.

Sterling was transported to Haliburton Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy performed at Peterborough Civic Hospital revealed that Sterling died from massive internal injuries as a result of the collision.

He had been travelling with three companions.

Dr. Harry Good

A physician known throughout Haliburton County, Doctor Harry Everton Good, passed away suddenly December 29 at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Dr. Good was 79 years of age.

"Doc Good" was known throughout the area for his compassion, generosity and concern, not only for his patients but for the community as a whole. He was an active and contributing member of the community throughout his 40 years in medical practise and beyond, taking time after his retirement to visit former patients in hospitals and nursing homes in the county.

Dr. Good was laid to rest Friday, January 2, following a service at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home. Gord Monk delivered the eulogy from which the following comments are taken:

"During World War Two, Harry was a pilot in the Royal *(more on page 5)*

Recount ordered in French School Board election

A recount has been ordered in the election for the trustee to serve the French Public School Board Number 58. Haliburton County is included in that school board.

According to Rob Prentice, the clerk in the Town of Newmarket who administered the election, Danielle Muyal, the second place candidate in the election has sought and been granted the recount. Muyal was defeated by Rene Laurin 142-123 in the November 10 vote.

Following the re-configuration of school boards in the province, the French Public

School Board Number 58 covers 84 municipalities including Haliburton, Victoria and Dufferin counties, the south portion of Simcoe County and northern portion of York Region. As far as *The Times* could determine, there was only one vote cast throughout our coverage area in the French Language Public School Trustee Number 58 election, and that was in Somerville Township.

The Newmarket clerk said although he had not completed all arrangements for the recount, he anticipated that rep-

resentatives of the two candidates and election officials will visit each of the counties to examine the ballots. He would not speculate on the cost of the recount, which will be borne by the French School Board.

Prentice said that while the recount was the result of a judicial order, the clerks responsible for the election in the various areas will be able to over-see the examination of the ballots, under the scrutiny of the candidates. He expects the recount to take a week to complete.

Poster winners

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are on display in the windows of the Minden IDA Drug Store. The following are the winners:

Kindergarten: 1. Danielle Amodeo; 2. Erin Pottier; 3. Amy Goard; Honourable Mention Sarah Coltman.

Grade One: Hayley Hawkins; 2. Jeff Shepherd; 3. Melissa Armstrong.

Grade Two: 1. Nikki Voicey; 2. Heather Wilkinson; 3. Victoria Hillier.

Grade Three: 1. Edward Cyr; 2. Stephen Roome; 3. Kyle Grant Russell.

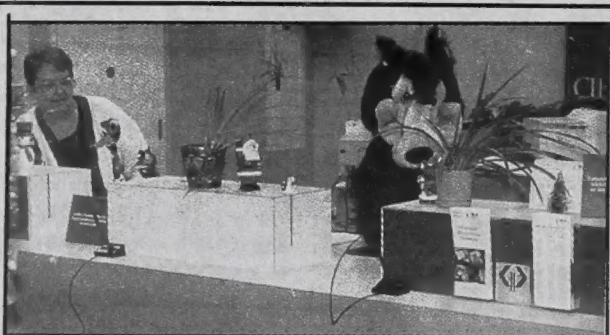
Grade Four: 1. Jake Ruddy (Jake's poster was also selected as runner-up to the best over-all); 2. Scott Fennell; 3. Christina Watson.

Grade Five: 1. Kourtney Matysek; 2. Kathryn Berube; 3. Stephen Trepanier.

Grade Six: 1. Erica Hicks; 2. Tony Penick; 3. Wayne Shelly.

Grade Seven: 1. Brady Clark (Brady's poster was selected as the best over-all); 2. Lance Aggett; 3. Shane Both.

Grade Eight: 1. Matt Kenney; 2. Jennifer Carpenter; 3. Jenny Johnston; Honourable Mentions: Mike Manser and Catherine Walton.



Who is that new teller at the CIBC?

December weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average high	-0.7	30.7
Average low	-8.9	15.9
Average for month	4.8	23.9
Average for Dec. '96	-2.0	28.4
Highest temperature	6.0	42.8
Lowest temperature	-22.0	7.6
Snowfall	34. cm	13. in
Total precipitation	34. mm	1.3 in
Total precipitation for last Dec.	101. mm	3.9 in
Days with snow or rain	7	
Days mostly sunny	9	
Snow on ground (Dec. 31)	23. cm	9. in
Snow on ground (last Dec. 31)	14. cm	5.5 in
Days with freezing rain	1	
Total snowfall to Dec. 31	96 cm	37.7 in

This December was much colder than last December. The average temperature was -4.8 degrees Celsius (23.9 F) versus -2.0 degrees Celsius (28.4 F). Last December there was much more snow, but there was less on the ground on December 31, 1996 compared to December 31, 1997. There was no rain during the month. Like November, December had very noticeable temperature variations. For example New Years Eve at -28 degrees Celsius versus January 1 with the temperature at the freezing point.

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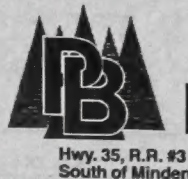
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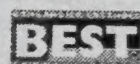
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LDL Reeve John Macklem elected Victoria County Warden

by Jerry Grozelle

John Macklem has been elected Warden of Victoria County. He is the first reeve of Laxton, Digby and Longford to assume the Warden's chair since Bob Camack in 1965 and Raymond Gostlin in 1958. Before that, the last time a warden was elected from LDL was the early 1900s.

Macklem was elected by secret ballot early in December. He was nominated by Verulam Township Reeve Neil Oliver and the nomination was seconded by Lindsay's Deputy-Reeve Sal Polito.

Five people were nominated for the warden position. Along with Macklem were Emily Township Reeve Joe McGuire, Reeve of Lindsay, Tom Crowe, Fenelon Township Reeve Fay McGee and former Warden Ken Logan, Reeve of Omeme. McGuire declined to run for the position, leaving it a four-way race for the position.

In the first ballot, McGee and Crowe each got five votes, Macklem got six and Logan got seven. With the tie between McGee and Crowe, the procedure was to draw a name from a hat and McGee lost the draw, leaving Crowe in the race. The second ballot saw Crowe eliminated, receiving five votes once again. Logan received seven votes and Macklem got 10 votes. Macklem received 15 votes in the third ballot, with Logan getting seven for the third time.

Macklem has already had a taste of the pace at the helm of county politics.

"I've had a lot of fun already," he said. "The first 12 days were total chaos and I enjoyed every minute of it. I enjoy the debate and the give-and-take that goes with trying to get resolutions to tough issues. I admit I'm no smarter than the next guy. It's going to take all of us to get through this one. I know people are upset with the pace of change, but I think we got pretty complacent and I'm very happy for all of us (municipality and county levels of government) that we're now going to decide where the dollars get spent.... whether its on parks, ambulances, health unit, or wherever."

Macklem said he was honoured that County Council had the confidence in him to elect him Warden.

This is Macklem's seventh year as a municipal politician. He was a councillor for his first three-year term and reeve for his second term. He is starting his second term in the reeve's chair of Laxton, Digby and Longford.

Macklem said he liked the New Democratic Party's disentanglement policy and he's happy that the Harris government has carried it on.

"They've (the Tories) taken a pretty bad beating for a few things, but on balance, I still think they're on the right track," Macklem said. "I can't say they've done everything right because they haven't. None of them do. But I agree with the general thrust of making the local municipal politicians responsible to the local people for the dollars spent in their territory."

He sees some good in the education reforms, as

well. "I feel that any children in rural Ontario, my grandchildren included, should have an equal slice of the education pie as any other child in Ontario and I think that will be one of the results of what the legislators have done. I like equality, I've been a big promoter of that."

One of the goals Macklem has set is to get Victoria County involved in county-wide recycling (or diversion). He said recycling will have to be legislated because the voluntary method isn't achieving the goals. He said a cost per bag system may have to be instituted. He would also like to see equal service with garbage pickup and recycling in all communities.

"Victoria County, over the three years I've been there, and prior to that, has not wanted to get into the diversion business," he said. "Instead, we've spent considerable dollars on finding a mega-dump. That just doesn't sit well with the public. We're there to serve the public."

Macklem said that although the recently released provincial numbers aren't going to cause as much hardship as had been expected, the road ahead is still going to be a rough one.

"It's going to be a tough competition for dollars," he said. "We've learned that we aren't going to get hit as hard as we expected. We are relieved, but we're still pinching... we're still hurting."

Macklem said the big administrative worry is that there are so many changes coming at the same time. "There are almost too many things changing to be able to isolate them," he said. "One day we hear of policing costs of over \$200 per household. Now they're saying it's capped at \$90."

Macklem said he tries to listen to all concerns, noting that the hard part is sorting the important kernels from the chatter and acting on the constructive criticism.

He said that too often debates become negative. "I'm very positive on Laxton, Digby and Longford Council and with the County of Victoria. We have an extremely positive environment. That goes for me locally and the county. People I have talked to want to manage the change that's coming and they want to make progress... controlling expenditures and yet providing quality services."

"One thing that interests me is the positive response I've felt from the staff of Victoria County and my own staff here," Macklem said.

Macklem believes his 25 years of business experience will help him with the challenges he will face as Victoria County Warden. He is now a member of all of the county committees and the chair of the Finance Committee. Victoria County Council meets monthly, but committee meetings add to Macklem's work load. He is also required to attend numerous social functions as the county's representative.

In spite of the pressure involved with his new position, Macklem remains optimistic that he is up to the challenge.

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Mixed reviews for the year ahead

by Ariel White

The future of the newly amalgamated township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey appears grim, according to Reeve Tom Flynn. In his speech at the inaugural meeting of the new township on January 2, Flynn stated that the next three years in Galway-Cavendish and Harvey were to be years of great challenge and tough decisions.

"I'm painting a bad picture here because we have a bad picture ahead," said Reeve Flynn. "I am sure that everyone understands that we are going to be the messengers who present to you, what is being presented to us (from the provincial government)."

The Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey, which is now the largest township in area in Peterborough County, will have its headquarters at the Harvey Township municipal office in Buckhorn. Reeve Flynn told the audience of about 60 people that for the first few months, municipal affairs will appear unchanged in all three areas. Eventually some difficult decisions will have to be made regarding the services provided in the township and how they are distributed.

"Many things have to be dealt with that have never been dealt with at this level before," said Flynn. The new council will now be responsible for services such as public health, land-ambulance service and property assessments. Also with the downgrading of provincial highways, the road network of the township has doubled.

RIDE spot checks reduce accidents

The Coboconk/Minden Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police cracked down on impaired drivers during the holiday season as part of the OPP annual RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign. The OPP warned that the RIDE spot checks would be set up throughout both Haliburton and Victoria counties.

The provincial police stopped motorists at RIDE spot checks throughout December until January 2, as part of a continuing effort to prevent accidents involving impaired drivers.

This year, during the period of December 12 to 18, OPP officers issued 52 12-hour suspensions, down from 67 during this time last year. Between

The councillors had a slightly more optimistic outlook on the future of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey. Guy Scott, the lone representative of Galway and Cavendish, is anxious to get to work. He feels that this newly merged township will be and especially demanding for him as this is his first crack at municipal politics. "This is certainly a new experience for me. But I do like a challenge now and again," said Scott. "Trust and respect is earned and I hope in the next three years I earn your respect."

The Deputy Reeve stated that she would like to see all residents working together and overlooking any ill feelings. "Hopefully this council will move forward and forget the past," said Audrey Coumbs. Coumbs also stated that the new council should work hard to

assure a zero tax increase for the over 4400 Galway-Cavendish and Harvey ratepayers. Audrey von Bogen, the councillor representing Harvey Township, also hoped to work on creating a more positive atmosphere in the township. "The next few years are going to be difficult. Our common goal is to work together on the betterment of the ratepayers of the new municipality," said von Bogen. This is her second term as a councillor.

Councillor at large, Ron Windover, who will be representing the entire municipality, put it simply. "There is a challenge ahead so let's get at 'er."

The new council of the Townships of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey will meet on alternate Tuesdays at the Harvey Township municipal office in Buckhorn.



The Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey Council: from the left, front, Reeve Tom Flynn, Deputy Reeve Audrey Coumbs, CAO John Millage; back row, Galway-Cavendish Councillor Guy Scott, Councillor at Large Ron Windover and Harvey Councillor Audrey von Bogen.

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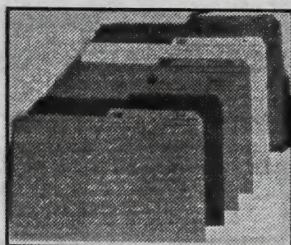
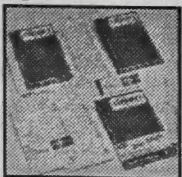
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December 19 and December 25, just over 30,000 vehicles were pulled over. The OPP issued 61 suspensions lasting 12 hours. There were also 180 Criminal Code and Highway Traffic Act charges during this time.

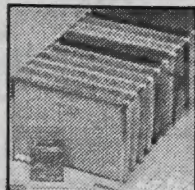
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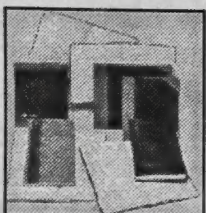
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Remembering Dr. Harry Good

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Canadian Air Force. He flew the vintage Tiger Moths and following his discharge worked as a Funeral director in Ottawa. In 1946 Harry enrolled in medicine at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1952. After practising for a short period in Bobcaygeon, he moved to Haliburton where he established his practice and served the community for 40 years.

"Dr. Good was past president of the Haliburton Rotary Club and was recognized for his contributions to Rotary by being named a Paul Harris Fellow. He also had a remarkable 38 years of perfect attendance in the club....

"...Harry was also a member of Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion and was one of the key people in the fund-raising for the Haliburton Legion Hall....a member of North Entrance Masonic Lodge in Haliburton, a member of the Scottish Rite and a Charter Member of the Algonquin Shrine Club....he was an honorary fireman of the Dysart Fire Department.

"Dr. Good was a generous contributor to many charities in the community...Easter Seals, the Cancer Society, Red Cross, Rails' End Gallery, various school projects, local sports teams. He also assisted many students financially at the university level. In the days before socialized medical care, there were many who benefited from his medical skills. In those days payment could range from a lake trout to garden vegetables, or many times just a "thank you doctor...we'll try to pay you". The story is told of how two friends were invited by Harry to give him a hand one afternoon. They loaded up his car with groceries at Jack Robertson's store in Haliburton and then went on his rounds of the Gooderham area, treating the sick and

leaving groceries at various locations where he knew the families could ill afford to buy them.

"Harry built the first medical clinic in Haliburton and contributed both financially and physically to the Haliburton Hospital. Throughout Haliburton Village there are buildings that stand today because of the philanthropy of Dr. Harry Good.

"Harry was a lover of swans and ducks, an interest he shared with his children. He was an avid deer and moose hunter and, to a lesser degree, a fisherman...

"Doc Good was never afraid to give his opinion on any subject and abhorred cigarette smoking and laziness...

Harry's life was medicine and he could easily be termed a workaholic. He never failed to answer a call for assistance and as a coroner he was meticulous in his investigations and in many ways a pioneer in this county.

"There are many people who owe the second chance they have in this life to Harry Good. Many substance abusers found sobriety and a better way to live thanks to the help of Dr. Good. He was a people person....

"It troubled Harry when a patient died. He often told me that medical teaching never allowed physicians to accept death gracefully. The complexities of life can and do take their toll. It is my prayer that the contributions Dr. Good has made to the quality of so many lives will be the predominant factor in our memories of him."

Dr. Good is survived by his wife Ruth, three sons and a daughter and nine grandchildren. The family has requested that memorial donations be made in his name to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation.

Man fined for careless hunting

Two men were fined a total of \$5,400 for illegal hunting violations in two unrelated incidents in the Minden area in December.

Brian Hartley 41, of Oshawa was fined \$4200 after pleading guilty to charges of careless hunting and discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle. During the proceedings the court was told that Hartley attempted to shoot a deer from a truck parked at the side of the road. Hartley, a passenger in the truck, discharged his firearm through the driver's side window at a deer.

Later Conservation Officers stopped the vehicle to inform Hartley that his target was a decoy. Both Hartley and the driver of the vehicle were charged. Hartley was fined, received a three year hunting license suspension and had to forfeit his firearm to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The driver of the truck has been charged with the same offences and the case is set for trial.

Later in the month, 43 year-old Aleksander Simic of Kirkfield pleaded guilty to posses-

sion of a deer shot out of season. Conservation Officers visited Simic with a search warrant for his property in Laxton Township. Upon searching the premises, the officers found a deer which they determined had been hunted and shot out of season. Simic was fined \$1200 after pleading guilty to the charge in Minden Court on December 16.

The deer was seized and donated to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which will use the venison for its annual wild game dinner and fundraiser. The funds raised at this event are used to sponsor area fish and wildlife management projects.

The Minden office of the Ministry of Natural Resources donated a similar seizure in October when

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Editorial Opinion

On speaking out

There are few places in the world which enjoy the security and quality of life that we experience in Canada. Despite what appears to be a constant harangue about mismanagement, ill-conceived planning and hand-wringing about how the country is going to hell in handcart, one would need to look long and hard to find another place where life is as good as it is in Canada.

So why do Canadians spend so much time complaining and worrying about the state in which they find

themselves? Perhaps it is because many have not compared the situation in this country with that in others. Perhaps some are persuaded by the arguments that more is somehow better and that quantity wins over quality.

We like to think there are other reasons Canadians raise their voices about their state of being, as comfortable as it is. They speak out in protest because they perceive discomforting changes looming in some of the new ideas and

philosophies....new directions that eliminate the sense of equality and fair play which has made this country a desirable place in which to live...changes which widen the gulf between Canadians, rather than build bridges between them...policies which marginalize some members of our society. Canada rose to the top of the United Nations' lists because it was a place where all citizens were included when policies were being formulated. It still is such a place and will continue to be as long as its citizens ensure their voices are heard.

Canadians, speak up before you lose what has made this country great.

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Health care; more than just the bottom line

by Doris Grinspun, Executive Director of the
Registered Nurses Association of Ontario

"The proof is in the pudding."

That homily sums up how registered nurses are reacting to the comments by the new Health Minister, Elizabeth Witmer, and her intention to do things differently. There is no question that announcements about the government's new flexible approach to implementing the recommendations of the Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC), and the verbal commitment to ensure that long-term care and home-care support is in place in communities, are indeed welcome. However, the Minister's acknowledgement that the largest ministry in the government, with an annual budget of \$18 billion, lacks a "vision" is more than disquieting.

What have we been doing over the past several years? There has been ample consultation with the major players in health care, including doctors, nurses and hospital administrators to name a few. The Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) met six times with the previous Minister of Health. There is not a lack of knowledge of what to do. What is lacking with this government is a the political will to follow through with recommendations.

Our health care system is under immense strain from resource constraints. Across the province, and in virtually all types of health care settings, there is growing evidence of the deterioration in access to care, the quality of care received and patient outcomes. A "bottom-line" mentality has promoted

unplanned closure of services and the indiscriminate replacement of registered nurses by less prepared health care providers. As a result, RNs are experiencing a dramatic decrease in the time available for direct patient care.

RNAO has been forcefully warning about this crisis in the health care system, and the declining standards of care. The scope and speed of government cuts, coupled with the inadequate reinvestment in community services, adds up to a toxic recipe for system failure.

Our first recommendation to the Minister of Health is to make direct reinvestment into nursing services a top priority. Even if hospital closures are slowed down, without specific money earmarked to the services of registered nurses both at the hospital and community levels, the decline in the quality of patient care will certainly continue. Ontario studies have already documented that under the pressure of the shrinking resources, the level of professional nursing care in many services has declined.

Our second recommendation is to halt plans for shutting hospitals, not just for the sake of slowing down the process, but to allow time to concentrate on building an effective system of home-care and long-term care. While there have been government efforts to expand the capability and access to community-based health services, these developments have been uneven, as well as inefficient.

Our third recommendation is that the

policy planners and decision-makers make changes on evidence-based information. Analyses must be accurate, needs-based and use sound methodology. Unfortunately, in many cases, this is not happening. One of the most common flaws in the HSRC's methodology for assessing the needs related to each sector of the health care system, was to base estimates on partial or unrepresentative populations....

On the face of it, the government's plan to trim health care costs seems to make sense. But nurses and consumers strongly believe that it is time to make the human dimension the focal point. As families across the province are painfully finding out, it is not possible to make decisions that adversely affect the quality and safety of patient care from an industrial engineering or purely business management perspective. Even the gurus in management have seen the serious weakness in arbitrary cost-cutting...

Here in Canada that sentiment was expressed by internationally renowned Canadian management guru Henry Mintzberg from McGill University, in a recent article in *Healthcare Management FORUM* magazine: "There is no question that you have to cap budgets; but if we manage exclusively this way, we wring the soul right out of the system."

Every nurse in this province would heartily agree. We look forward to working collaboratively with the new Health Minister to ensure this does not happen.

(Excerpts from a RNAO press release issued December 14, 1997.)

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New beginnings

by Marci Mandell

There's a place I'm drawn to in the bush out back, but I'm not really sure why. Is the jackpot I need buried there? Maybe the cache of silver that's written about in the local history books is hidden under the rock I sit on. Or maybe there's amethyst or some other precious relic there.

It's not a particularly beautiful place, although I hear it once was. Twenty or thirty years ago, it was a lush valley forested in evergreens. The Canadian Shield's rocky ridges surround it so it might have been an Eden of sorts. But I remember the first time I saw it, it looked like a bomb had scarred the landscape leaving this devastated crater as proof of an historic battle. All that remained standing were the skeletal remains of the trees and some scrub. There wasn't much colour, just a heavy drabness.

An overwhelming sense of loss came over me, as if I was mourning the death of the forest. Later I heard the victors of the battle were the beavers. They flooded the valley and killed the trees.

Still, something kept drawing me to this place.

New Year's is upon us and with it comes the chance to write a new chapter in our lives. Health, prosperity and joy are the ideals I set for myself this year as in every year. But in the past, the chapters didn't end up being about this, instead they were about survival: paying bills, making do, getting through, putting off till next week/month/year. Here I am half-way through my life and I realize I've put off all my dreams for so long, I can't even remember

what they are. This is devastating. I've flooded out my life, my soul, my Eden.

What was it I was supposed to learn from the ruins in the bush? I went back and sat there. The sun came. The sun went. I couldn't figure it out. So I walked down the hill to study the remains. And that's when I saw it. I had to get close to see the details. The colours of new life were bursting courageously through the snow: willows, small pines, grasses, all reaching up declaring their presence and their return.

I realized then that I had painted a picture with broad strokes but no details. I never had time to draw in the defining lines that make the difference between a picture and a piece of art. The chapter I'm going to write this year is going to be filled with vivid details of...of...Wow, what do these really mean to me? Health, prosperity and joy. What do I really think of these? What pictures do I want to create?

This guy I knew used to cut out pictures from magazines, of the things he wanted: expensive watches, lustrous corduroys, Mediterranean dinnerware, loft apartment. He had pictures for all the things he wanted. At the time I thought this was quite weird. He was a student with no money but expensive tastes: a dreamy-eyed kid. But he worked hard and graduated at the top of his class and started in his profession. A friend saw him recently and said he looked as prosperous as the models in the pictures he collected.

I think this year I will keep a file of all the things I want, all the dreams I can

imagine: a canoe trip down the Nahani, a 4x4 vehicle, a published book...hmmm, what else? What else do I want? I don't know, I can't think of anything. I guess I've never really considered the details before. What defines health, prosperity and joy to me? I'll have to start looking through the magazines and see what pictures attract me. This is actually quite exciting.

With the new year, I have a chance to recreate myself, add some colour, some style, make my life a piece of art.

Perhaps this year, this chapter, my theme will be about the colours of new life bursting courageously through the snow.

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Bald is beautiful

*I do not consider myself bald.
I am simply somewhat taller than
my hair.*

Anon

Let me throw some names at you: Sean Connery. Donovan Bailey. Patrick Stewart. Michael Jordan. George Foreman. Sinead O'Connor. Mark Messier. Evander Holyfield.

Notice anything those folks all have in common? It's more what they don't have in common: scalp foliage. Dome fur. Head hair. Every person on that list sports a noggin as naked as a cue ball in a wind tunnel.

Not only are they bald — several of them are voluntarily bald. Basketballer Michael Jordan, singer/nutbar Sinead O'Connor and hockey legend Mark Messier could still put away their gillette razors and grow bushels of hair if they cared to. They don't.

They opted for baldness.

Finally! After centuries of bad jokes (not to mention wretched wigs and toupees) — bald is chic.

And not just with human skulls. What's the trendiest building an upwardly mobile

metropolis can throw up these days? A dome! Seattle's got the Kingdome. Houston has the Astrodome. Here in Canada, Toronto and Calgary boast the Skydome and the Saddledome respectively.

I tell ya, for a guy who's had a wide part in his hair since before Wayne Gretzky could skate, these are, um, heady times to live in.

Seems like just about everybody's trying to be bald these days. Where I live, the hit of our Fall Fair last September was Bevan the Barber. That's because he showed up, clippers in hand, and proceeded to shave the heads of our entire fire department and police detachment. Every officer (men and women) cheerfully agreed to have their heads shaved to raise some money for charity.

Now, there was a time not so very long ago when all of those folks would rather have lost an arm than appear bald in public, but no more. Bald is In. Glory be.

You can't imagine how sweet this latest fashion development is for those of us who have had to go through life as 'follically challenged' persons. Oh, it's not being bald that's bad. That's easy. The hard part is the lame jokes we have to endure from our fur-infested, less-evolved

brethren.

"Hey, baldie...is that really your forehead or did someone forget to turn a floor lamp off? Heeyuk."

"Don't walk too close to the budgie cage. He'll think you're the egg that got away! Har har!"

"Hey! Izzat the top of yer head or didja clear a runway for mosquitoes? Nyuk Nyuk!"

The bummer is, no matter how dumb the joke may be, bald guys are expected to react like they've just heard a killer one-liner from Dave Letterman. Otherwise you get branded as a poor sport.

Am I bitter? Nah. I'm just sorry it's taken the rest of mankind so long to figure out something we 'natural' baldies have known for years:

- that what's hair today can be gone tomorrow.
 - that we're not going bald: we're gaining face.
 - that a bald man is an honest man — you can see he's got nothing to hide.
- Take it from a guy whose medicine cabinet is free of mousse and hair gel and expensive, useless hair restorers — balder really is better.

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J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel won by Minden rink

Ross Davies (skip) and his rink from Minden were the big winners of the 1997 edition of the J.O. Jackson Memorial Men's Curling Bonspiel. The team included Vice Dwight Thomas, Second Phil Loevenmark and lead Gord Wood. They edged out the rink of Bruce MacEwan from the Oshawa Curling Club to take the bonspiel's top honours.

The high two game winners from the A Draw were Skip Mike Whitmarsh, Vice Ross Wray, Second John Thomas and Lead Michael Wray.

Ted Wilkes skipped his team to the high two game title of the B Draw. His team included Vice Dave McKay, Second Jack Taylor and Lead Todd Grainger. The high one game winning team of the A Draw included Bill Roodenburg (Skip), Don Blakey (Vice), Harvey Kivela (Second) and Bill Beers (Lead).

The high one game winning team of the B Draw was from Wilberforce and included Skip Max Walsh, Vice Rick Forget, Second George Waugh and Lead Don Fleming.

The bonspiel is in memory of the Late J.O. Jackson. His son Mike and wife Jean were on hand to present the trophy to the winning team. The event was held at the Minden Curling Club on Saturday, December 27.



BONSPIEL WINNERS: The rink skipped by Ross Davies took top honours in the 1997 J.O. Jackson Memorial Men's Curling Bonspiel. Presenting the trophy were Mike Jackson and his mother Jean Jackson. Pictured above, left to right are: Lead Gord Wood, Second Phil Loevenmark, Mike Jackson, Jean Jackson, Skip Ross Davies and Vice Dwight Thomas.



The high two game winners from the A Draw of the J.O. Jackson Memorial Curling Bonspiel included, left to right, Michael Wray, John Thomas, Mike Whitmarsh and Ross Wray.



B Draw two game winners of the J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel were, left to right, Lead Todd Grainger, Second Jack Taylor, Vice Dave McKay and Skip Ted Wilkes.

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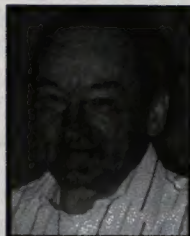
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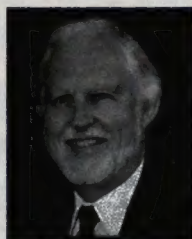
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January 6: Food co-op meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre. 10 a.m.

January 6: Volunteer meeting for the Minden Sled Dog Derby at the Minden Municipal committee room, upstairs, 7:30 p.m.

January 8: Minden and District Lions club resumes regular bingo schedule tonight. First bingo of 1998.

January 9: Registration deadline for Haliburton County Home Support Services Spring Aquasize classes at the PineStone Resort. Classes begin January 19 and will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For registration costs and times call 457-2941.

January 12: Monthly meeting of the Business Women's Network at Sunny Rock Lodge Bed & Breakfast. Call 286-4922. 6:30 p.m.

January 13: Haliburton Highlands Maple Syrup Producers Association general meeting at the 'Caygeon Lanes, Highways 649 and 36 Bobcaygeon. Details on all aspects of syrup production. Call for details 286-3705. Registration 9 a.m.

January 14: Folk art classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre with Linda Smith. \$20 for three sessions plus materials fee. 9:30 a.m.

January 17: Dinner and Music night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, sponsored by the Dorset Lifeliners. Dinner \$8 adults; \$4 children 12 and under. After dinner its a musical evening with participants invited to bring instruments and their best singing voices. The fun starts at 5 p.m.

January 17 & 18: Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby. Top mushers from across North America and their four and eight dog teams test their skills in the Minden for over \$25,000 in prize money. Sponsored by Martin Pet Food of Elmira. Free for spectators.

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Bantam A Monarchs win 2

Minden's Bantam A Monarchs earned a pair of recent wins, one at home and one in Haliburton.

Jack Rabbit Skiing

Program targets young skiers aged 6-12

by Ariel White

The Haliburton Highlands Cross-Country Ski Club is organizing its annual Jack Rabbit Learn-to-Ski programme for children ages 5 to 12. The club hopes to initiate local area kids, along with their parents, into the fun and exciting sport of cross-country skiing.

The Learn-to-Ski programme, in association with Cross Country Canada, teaches the standard skills used in cross-country skiing. The program advances through a series of nine merit badges that teach the basic nordic techniques, from classic skiing to skating styles. The program can accommodate any child from first time skiers experienced trekkers.

The Jack Rabbit ski programme will be run from the heated club house in Glebe Park, just past the museum in Haliburton. The new facility will allow parents and grandparents to watch their young jack rabbits take to the snow. Also, if they are inspired by the young skiers, parents and grandparents are invited to pack an extra set of skis for themselves and ski with their children or take to the expanded trails in Glebe Park. During the Jack Rabbit Cross-Country Ski sessions, there will be no trail fees for parents and grandparents of children taking the program.

This is a new addition to the Jack Rabbit program, says Bob Heyes. "I don't know why we didn't do this before," he said. "We have had grandparents who drop the children off and then sit in their cars for an hour and a half. Now they will be able to keep warm in the club house or join in if they like."

The course, which includes games and lessons, runs for six weeks, weather permitting, every Saturday starting on January 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All participating children should be properly dressed for outdoor winter activities, and should be accompanied by an adult. For additional information contact the Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club.

Minden 5, Millbrook 2

The visiting Millbrook Bantam hockey team went home smarting from a 5-2 loss at the hands of the Minden Monarchs on December 27. Millbrook held a one-goal advantage twice in the first period, only to fall victim to a relentless Minden attack.

Millbrook drew first blood at the 3:47 mark of the first frame. Jarrett Rowden replied for the Monarchs at the 6:51 mark, assisted by Justin Bull. The visitors pulled in front with one minute left in the frame, taking a 2-1 advantage into the second period.

Gary Kernohan scored the tying goal for Minden six minutes and seven seconds into the middle frame. He was assisted by Rowden and Mitch Johnson. Exactly two minutes later, the Monarchs took the lead with a goal by Gaten Davis, from Shane Walker and Gavin Simms.

Minden hung onto that 3-2 lead until late in the third period, when Rowden scored again to open up a two-goal advantage. Davis and Kernohan assisted. With 1:59 remaining in the game, Bull netted one for the Monarchs cancelling any hope the Millbrook boys might have had of making a comeback. Davis set up the insurance goal.

The game was a chippy one, with the officials handing out 26 penalties, including game misconducts to several players from each team. Most of the misconducts resulted from an altercation with 28 seconds left in the game.

Minden 4, Haliburton 1

A game in Haliburton on December 23 saw the Monarchs hold the host Huskies to a single goal as they skated to a 4-1 victory.

The home team got on the scoreboard less than a minute after the opening faceoff. Danny Koz was the Haliburton sharpshooter, from Jamie Johnston, at the 57 second mark.

The Huskies remained in front by a 1-0 count until Jarrett Rowden scored the equalizer midway through the second period. Gary Kernohan drew an assist. With 2:50 left in the middle frame, Justin Bull scored to give Minden the lead for the first time. Gaten Davis assisted on what proved to be the game winner.

That goal opened the flood gates for Minden. Just over a minute later, with 1:44 remaining in the period, Rowden notched his second of the game, unassisted. Then, with 28 seconds showing on the clock before the end of the second, Davis added an unassisted marker for a 4-1 Minden lead.

The third period was scoreless and the Monarchs came home with the victory.

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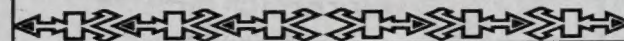
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The mild temperatures we have experienced sometimes make waxing a little tricky if you ski the classic stride, but everyone enjoys the warm temperatures.

I have noticed two interesting (and happy) develop-

ments in the ski scene. First, the grooming for the early season has been good, despite the low snow, and everyone hopes that this will continue at Moosewoods and on the Haliburton Nordic Trails system. Smart skiers are currently confining most of their efforts to Glebe Park and Moosewoods.

Secondly, I noticed that many of our high school racers have skied on a regular basis throughout the holidays, and this is cause for some celebration. With the older students setting an example of the training benefits of daily skiing, it seems to be only a matter of time before Haliburton produces young skiers who can perform well on the provincial or national scene.

Becky Scott of Vermilion, Alberta has turned in a top-ten World Cup result, and she can now be considered a genuine Olympic contender in Nagano. The first step on this long road is participation in the Jack Rabbit Program for 5-12 year olds, and our group will meet at Glebe Park on Saturday, January 10 at 1 p.m. This is a fun group, and who knows where their skills may take them?

Local competitors take notice (this means you, high school racers): there will be a race in Muskoka on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of January. For more information call (705) 789-1081.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, the ski club has announced its list of lucky early-bird draw winners: Terry Turner, Barrie Martin, Jim Andrews, Bob Heyes, Vic Orr, Lynda Shadbolt, Gord Abel and Barb Fraser all won fabulous prizes. Many thanks to our generous sponsors: Old Country House Restaurant, Chocolate Moose, Rachel's Bakery, Halimar Lodge, Bonnie View Inn, Hart Lodge and Wigamog Inn.

For more ski information on the web, please tune in to <http://canada.x-c.com/> for general information or <http://www.halhinet.on.ca/~hhss/nordic/nordic.htm> for local stuff.

Until next time, remember to be lazy when you're out there—use the glide. It's free!

Nordic Notes by Blake Paton

Ron Barr rolls 314

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Jim Hindle and Eric Stearns 183 (tied); Leitha Kuchalema 161

High single: Bob Vankoughnet 237; Maxine Cross 200

High single (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 281; Gwen Cox 257

High triple: Fred Knight 580; Maxine Cross 506

High triple (handicap): Lloyd Brown 706; Maxine Cross 671

Monday Night Mixed

High average: Scott Moore 233; Michelle Moore 199

High single: Scott Moore 312; Michelle Moore 210

High single (handicap): Scott Moore 312; Joanne Camelon 285

High triple: Scott Moore 769; Michelle Moore 578

High triple (handicap): Scott Moore 769; Marlene Bellar 654

Tuesday Night Mixed

High average: Fred Cox 217; Cathy Snell 221

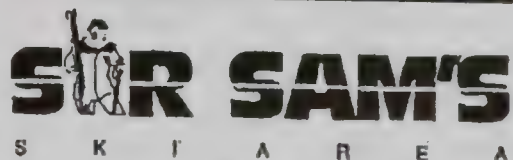
High single: Ron Barr 314; Cathy Snell 248

High single (handicap): Ron Barr 355; Alice Balcombe 275

High triple: Ron Barr 736; Cathy Snell 657

High triple (handicap): Ron Barr 859; Alice Balcombe 682

Ron Barr joined the 300 Club with his 314 score.



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Close competition for Novice Bs

The Christmas season brought some close contests for the Minden Novice B Monarchs hockey team. Mike Fisher moved from goalie to defense and played an excellent game.

Manvers 4, Minden 3

A game against Manvers proved to be a very evenly matched encounter. By the end of the first period neither team had managed to get a point on the scoreboard.

Manvers broke the scoreless tie in the second frame. But Sherri Walker got one back for the Monarchs right away. Matt Clements and Kyle Fry picked up the assists. Matt Clements lifted a backhand past the Manvers goalie later in the period to put Minden ahead 2-1. Assists went to Sherri Walker and Mackie Campbell.

Manvers rebounded with a pair of quick goals in the third to take the lead. It looked grim for the Monarchs when they took a penalty, giving Manvers the man advantage. But Kyle Fry came up with a big short-handed goal, from Jason Lougheed and Brent Doiron to knot the game at 3-3.

Unfortunately for the Minden squad, the Manvers team prevailed, scoring one in the dying seconds to pull off the 4-3 win.

Minden 2, Beaverton 2

Back on home ice, Michael Toye played his first game in net as a novice. He did an admirable job between the pipes as the Monarchs skated to a 2-2 draw against Beaverton.

Kyle Fry notched the first goal of the game, converting a pass from Sherri Walker.

Beaverton got that one back near the end of the first period as both teams battled back and forth in a very even match-up.

Early in the second frame, Beaverton jumped in front when an attacker backhanded one into the Minden net. Stephen Roome did an excellent job of protecting the net after that, concentrating on keeping

the Beaverton players at bay.

Billy Kulas made a key defensive play near the end of the second, preventing a Beaverton breakaway.

In the third frame, Brent Doiron worked hard to keep the puck in the opposition end as shot after shot was stopped by the Beaverton goalie. Late in the game, Sherri Walker passed the puck to Mackie Campbell, whose hard shot hit the goalie's stick, bounced up over his head and into the net. That goal earned the Monarchs a tie.

Woodville 3, Minden 1

The Monarchs travelled to Woodville on December 12. The home team struck less than a minute after the opening faceoff to give the Monarchs a wake-up call.

After almost six minutes straight on the ice, Sherri Walker still had the stamina to take the puck end to end and score the Monarchs' first goal of the game.

The Minden team was seriously short-handed and the coach had to juggle the lines, putting forwards on defense and vice versa to allow players to get some rest. Still, they were playing double and triple shifts. Eventually, the long shifts took their toll.

Brent Doiron played one of his best games of the season on defense. Edward Cyr made some nice passes and Mackie Campbell had several good shots on net. But the Woodville goalie hadn't developed the Christmas spirit yet and wasn't giving anything away. Michael Toye came up with some key saves for the Monarchs, including a three-on-one.

In spite of Minden's best efforts, Woodville came out on top with a 3-1 win.

Minden 5, Manvers 0

Monarchs' regular goalie Mike Fisher played his strongest game of the season on December 20, earning a shutout in a 5-0 victory over Manvers.

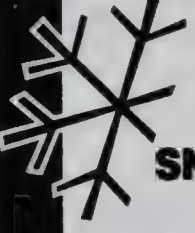
The first period was evenly matched, with each team picking up one penalty. Mackie Campbell opened the scoring late in the first period, ripping a wrist shot past the Manvers goalie after Billy Kulas had won a faceoff, passing the puck to him in the slot.

The Monarchs started the second period short-handed. Matt Clements played well on defense for the penalty-killing unit and show some offense with a shot on the Manvers net that tested the goalie's skill. Midway through the second frame, Sherri Walker notched Minden's second goal with a classic wrap-around.

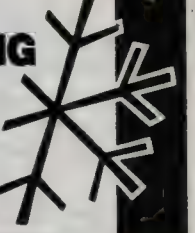
The third period belonged to Minden. Kyle Fry returned to his right wing position and scored with a powerful slapshot to give the Monarchs a 3-0 lead. Walker assisted.

Jake Ruddy worked hard with several clearing efforts -- including an amazing one-hand stop with no stick and no glove. He never gives up.

Mackie Campbell netted two more in the third, rounding out his hat trick and giving the Monarchs their biggest margin of victory of the season.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH PUBLIC NOTICE

File # SR-14/97

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Lutterworth, proposes to enact a by-law to stop up, close and convey to the abutting property owner a portion of the original allowance for road set out and described as follows:

FIRSTLY: ALL and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original sixty-six foot shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Part of Lot 23, Concession 7, and being more particularly described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton as Plan 19R-6426.

THE PROPOSED BY-LAW will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 22nd day of January, 1998, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Lutterworth this 15th day of December, 1997.

Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Township of Lutterworth,
P.O. Box 850,
Minden, Ontario,
K0M 2K0

Tri-County Atom Bs

by David Chapman

So far this season it has been a good one for the team. With strong defensive play from our goaltenders and defensemen, and plenty of scoring from our offense; we've come out ahead in many games. On November 15 we hosted Fenelon Falls and we came out on top.

The first period saw Dave Draker, Dave McGlade and David Hodgson put the home team in front 3-0. Then Fenelon came back with two goals, one in the second period and another at the beginning of the third. With the visitors closing in, the home team came back quickly with three goals, two from Shaun Chapman and another for McGlade. The visitors scored another to finish the contest at 6-3. Assists went to Shaun Chapman, David Hodgson, Cory Simms and David Williams.



Ministry of
Community and
Social Services

Making Services Work for People

The document, "Making Services Work for People" sets out a new framework for services for children and people with developmental disabilities. The paper identifies specific goals of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, requirements it will place on local service providers to meet these goals, and plans for how the initiative will be implemented. You are invited to participate in developing a plan to reshape the local service system by attending the following sessions:

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSIONS

(Haliburton County) Tuesday, January 6, 1998 1:00-4:00 p.m. Hyland Crest, Minden	(Peterborough County) Thursday, January 8, 1998 1:00-4:00 p.m. Peterborough Public Library	(Northumberland County) Friday, January 9, 1998 1:00-4:00 p.m. Golden Plough, Cobourg
(Victoria County) Wednesday, January 7, 1998 1:00-4:00 p.m. Victoria Manor, Lindsay		(District) Wednesday, January 14, 1998 1:00-4:00 p.m. Peterborough Lions Club Community Centre

Please RSVP by calling 1-800-663-8560, ext., 323 (voice mail box) and leave your name, number of people attending and the date/location you will be attending. Thank you.
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Wes has pledged 100% of his considerable energies and skills toward the 1998 real estate year and thanks his wife Karen and daughters Amanda and Allison for their continuing support and love.



MPP looks back on a good year

The past year has seen some important announcements in Haliburton County. As we continue with reforms that make the Ontario government more efficient and effective, we have been able to provide some good news to our community in 1997.

Some of the key announcements have been in health care. When we assumed office, our government promised to maintain the \$17.4 billion health-care budget that existed at that time. We have fulfilled and surpassed that promise, with a \$17.8 billion health-care budget in 1997-98.

For our riding, that has meant some important reinvestment. This past spring,

former Health Minister Jim Wilson was in Fenelon Falls to announce a \$916,506 reinvestment

in community based long-term care services. That announcement brought the total reinvestment in services in our riding to

Queen's Park Report

by Chris Hodgson, MPP

\$1,116,634.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will receive \$38,352 to combat diabetes as part of the government's Diabetes Complications Prevention Strategy.

In October, Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer and myself were at the sod turning and official launch of construction of Minden's new hospital and a renovated Hyland Crest long-term care facility with 62 beds.

In addition, Haliburton Hospital will see the expansion of the hospital's acute care capacity to 13 beds and the addition of a

30 bed long term care facility.

In other news, Solicitor General Bob Runciman was in Lindsay in October to announce that one of our new su-

per-jails will be built in Ops Township, outside of Lindsay. This new jail will have an operating budget of \$26 million and will hire about 300 full time staff.

The jail will save taxpayers about \$80 million per year and bring needed jobs to our community.

Through the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Program, we have invested in some important projects to upgrade our roads. In 1997, Haliburton County received \$572,104 towards road improvements and other needed infrastructure improvements.

This past fall, the Ministry of Education approved the request made by the Haliburton County Board of Education to build a new Victoria Street Elementary School. The new school will be named the Stuart Baker Elementary School.

In addition, the Education Improvement Commission approved a project to begin renovations to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The school will begin construction of a triple gym.

The coming year

promises more good news for our area. Ontario's economy is improving while the province remains on target to eliminate the deficit by the fiscal year 2000-2001. As we reap the rewards of an improved investment climate, I will be certain to keep you updated on the benefits to our area.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON-ONTARIO WORKS EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

An Invitation to Submit Proposals

The County of Haliburton operates a small Ontario Works program. This is an integrated financial assistance, employment focussed social service program. Financial assistance, employability assessments, employment search assistance and employment preparation services are provided by County of Haliburton personnel. The County is now looking for organizations, both private sector and non-profit to join the Ontario Works team to provide employment placement services.

The employment placement organization will work with the County of Haliburton Ontario Works staff to place social assistance recipients into competitive employment. Interested organizations are requested to submit proposals to provide these services on an annual basis. The successful proposal will demonstrate established experience and competency in creating referrals to the competitive, non-subsidized job market which resulted in successful, sustained employment for participants.

A Request for Proposals containing detailed proposal criteria is available from: Morris Honeyman, Director of Social Services, County of Haliburton - 705-286-4085. Proposals should be submitted to M. Honeyman by 4:00 pm, Monday, February 16, 1998. No proposal will be accepted after this date and time.

An information meeting for interested bidders will be held - Thursday, January 22, 1998 at 1:00 pm at: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario. Contact Mary Wilkins - (705-286-4085) - to register your attendance.

Hunters charged

(from page 5)

two moose, illegally shot during the moose hunt, were donated to the Minden Food Bank as well as the Bracebridge Shriners Club for their annual wild game dinner.

According to Dan Smith, enforcement supervisor with the Minden MNR, anytime there is a seizure of perishable items such as meat that does not need to be held as evidence, the Ministry tries to give it to an area charitable organization such as the Outdoors Association.

These fines and all other penalties collected from charges from the Game and Fish Act go into the Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account. The Ministry of Natural Resources uses the money for both fish and wildlife management programs as well as conservation endeavours.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF ANSON, HINDON & MINDEN NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of The Corporation of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden to stop up, close and convey portions of Newcastle Street, Seymour Street, and Teesdale Street, on Registered Plan No. 1, being the Town Plot for Minden, in the Townships of Minden, in the County of Haliburton.

WHEREAS, said portion of Newcastle Street, Seymour Street and Teesdale Street were originally stopped up and closed by By-law No. 75-34 and due to certain errors or omissions, the Council for The Corporation of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden deems it necessary to consider another By-law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of The Corporation of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on January 22, 1998 at the hour of 7:00 p.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of Newcastle Street shown on Town Plot being registered Plan 1, designated as Part 10, Plan 19R-688, Part of Teesdale Street shown on town Plot being registered Plan 1, designated as Part 11, Plan 19R-688 and Part of Seymour Street shown on Town Plot being registered Plan 1, designated as Parts 13 and 14, Plan 19R-688, all in the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the Municipal Office, at Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Minden, this 22nd day of December, 1997.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.,
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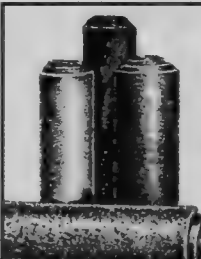


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Midget A Monarchs blank Fenelon 10-0

Minden's Midget A Monarchs hockey team devastated the visiting Fenelon Falls team 10-0 on December 27. The Monarchs took advantage of the fact the Flyers had just one line of skaters, to use the opposing goalie as a shooting gallery target.

Cam Neville had a banner night for the Monarchs, scoring a hat trick and adding a pair of assists. Steve Ecclestone and Dan Vanderlip each notched two

goals and singles went to Ryan Anderson, Rod Upton and Mike Hamilton. Corey Casey and Anderson each picked up a pair of assists, with single helpers going to Clay Davis, Shawn Casey, Hamilton, Upton and Wayne Kernohan.

Ashley Walker earned the shutout between the Minden pipes.

The game was played without either side getting a penalty.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF ANSON, HINDON AND MINDEN

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Please submit a detailed resume to the office of the undersigned by 4:00 p.m. on January 16, 1998.

(Ms) Elinor Burke, CMO, CMM
Clerk-Treasurer
TOWNSHIP OF SOMERVILLE
P.O. Box 59, KINMOUNT, Ont.
K0M 2A0
Phone: (705) 488-2571
Fax: (705) 488-2576

We thank all those candidates who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

NOTICE

Time Limits on Appeals

to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario

Legislative changes taking effect on January 1, 1998, place a time limit on workers and employers right to appeal decisions of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) formerly the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB).

- There is a 30-day time limit on appealing a Board decision about a Return to Work or a Labour Market Re-entry plan made on or after January 1, 1998.
- There is a six-month time limit on appealing any other Board decision made on or after January 1, 1998.

Retroactive Time Limits on decisions made before January 1, 1998

- The 30-day time limit applies to any Board decision on Return to Work or Labour Market Re-entry plans made before January 1, 1998. The 30-day window for these appeals runs from January 1, 1998 to January 31, 1998.
- The six-month time limit on appeals applies to any other decisions made before January 1, 1998. The six-month window for appeals of decisions made prior to January 1, 1998 is between January 1, 1998 and June 30, 1998.

To appeal a decision made prior to January 1, 1998, you must notify the Board in writing at 200 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3J1.

Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal

Appeals of the Board's final decisions can be made to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (WSIAT). Under the new legislation, there is also a time limit on appeals to the tribunal — six months after the final decision of the Board. The Tribunal has the authority to reconsider its own decisions and extend the period for appeals.

Attention Widows and Widowers

whose spouses died of workplace injury or disease in Ontario, and who subsequently married or remarried prior to April 1, 1985

On January 1, 1998, Ontario will have a new Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) with new legislation, replacing the Workers' Compensation Board. This new legislation restores survivors' benefits to widows and widowers, including common-law spouses, who married or remarried prior to April 1, 1985 and who were then cut off survivors' benefits. The new Act states: "Any person whose benefits were terminated for reason of marriage or remarriage under subsection 36(2) or 37(1) of the Workers' Compensation Act, as it read on March 31, 1985, may apply to the Board for a reinstatement of benefits, and the Board shall reinstate benefits, as of April 1, 1985."

To have benefits reinstated you must provide the WSIB with specific information showing that you are eligible. For more details please call or write to: **Lina Capone (416) 344-2194 or 1-800-465-9646**, Manager, Spousal Benefits Reinstatement, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, 200 Front Street West, 4th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3J1

Claiming Benefits

from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario

Legislative changes taking effect on January 1, 1998 require workers to claim benefits under the insurance plan of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, formerly the Workers' Compensation Board.

- Workers who wish to claim benefits for a work-related injury or disease on or after January 1, 1998 must now file a claim for benefits as soon as possible. Workers must apply within six months of the injury or disease. The Board may permit a claim after six months if it considers it just to do so.
- When they file their claims, workers must also provide written consent to the release of functional abilities information to their employers. Employers and workers will use this information supplied by the treating health professional solely for returning workers to work early and safely.
- Workers should claim benefits and sign consent on the Employer Report of Injury/Disease Form 7, if possible. Otherwise, they should promptly submit a signed Form 6 sent to them by the Board and give a copy to their employers.
- Failure to claim and consent could result in workers not being provided benefits under the insurance plan.



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Local Mary Kay Cosmetic representatives enjoyed an opportunity to meet with the head of the Canadian division of the Company, Murray Smith, centre, last month. The executive attended a meeting, at Wigamog Inn, which saw the installation of two new directors and a senior director from among the local reps. Installed as new directors were from the right, Nancy Chapple-Thomas and Linda Schrader and as senior director, Audrie Winsley, second from the left. Also in attendance was Executive Senior Director Doreen Burgroff, left.

Volunteer Meeting

The Minden Sled Dog Derby Volunteer Meeting will be held

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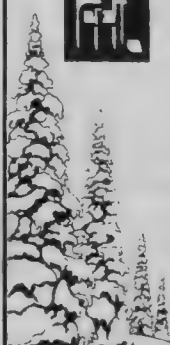


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Around the County Town

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As you read this column, it has been 1998 for a few days, but as I write it, it has yet to happen.

We missed the big storm, which was a great relief!

Thoughts are surfacing though about the Sled Dog Derby and the big question of whether there will be enough snow. Let's hope there will be for all the obvious reasons, but also because it is always such a fun weekend. I will never forget the first time I saw the races in 1994. The effort of the dogs, their determination and the love of what they were doing showing on their faces. I wept with the joy of seeing them. In other words, I guess there are more than a few people who wished we had the storm and piled up some snow for the middle of the month.

Christmas was a good time for me. I hope all of you were happy on that day too. My daughter and I did all our traditional things together. We talked to the others by phone.

Caitlin loved the purse as I thought she would. I showed her some of my columns and she was thrilled to be mentioned in them! As someone pointed out to me, the column did not appear in last week's edition of *The Times*. The deadline for the Christmas edition and my leave-taking for "the south", did not jibe. This week is a little skimpy as we are out of our routines! Everything looks like it is starting up again this

week and next!

There were a couple of events that didn't get reported because of the Christmas break.

First: the St. Paul's Friendship Club, on December 22 held a special party. The members celebrated Pearl Cowen's birthday party with a cake with candles, a corsage and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday".

There was a good turnout for the afternoon. Partners for the card playing were found by finding the first and last words of Christmas carols and songs. There was also a special draw for gifts! The winners of the day were: lone hands, Harvey Bunker; high lady, Pearl Cowen, (great on your birthday!); high man, Laura Carnegie; low man, Jeanne Sears; 50/50 Draw, Jeanne Sears.

On December 23, Seniors Bid Euchre was played at the Minden Legion. High scores were won by Gala Stamp, Bruce Kellett and Bess Cox. Hidden scores were won by Marie Dennie and Marg McAfee. Finally the Moonshot was won by Earl Hayne.

The other scores for 1997, from December 18, playing Euchre at the Minden Legion. They were as follows. most lone hands: ladies--Wayne Bradbury; men--Gala Stamp; high score: ladies--Sharon Evans; men--Pat Scadden; low: lady--Marie Dennie;

man--Matt Baker; other prizes, Marcel Roussel and Rob Evans.

Myrna McCarthy phoned in the reminder that the Stanhope Bridge club will meet again tomorrow, January 6 for an afternoon of Bridge. The group was designed for fun and friendship and some good games of bridge!

1998! Onward and upward! So much to think about! So much to plan for! A busy year ahead-as usual!

New Years resolutions! How many we make and how many we break! But it is a way to focus on the important things in our lives.

One of the important things in my life is walking! This is the couch potato talking! For a year and a half I have been walking in the morning Monday to Friday. I walk about 3 miles each time. I still have to pinch myself because it is hard to believe! The secret is walking with a partner. Those mornings that inevitably come, when you do not want to get out of bed, you have to because you can not let your partner down!

Joan Parker and I have helped each other stay on track! Good walking and a good friendship! In the winter we walk in the school. It isn't the cold so much as the ice, which forces us indoors. In Archie Stouffer School we join the others as we make our way through the halls, following our 2 mile route. I mention all this to encourage anyone who is

interested, to join us. We are able to walk between 7:00 and 8:15 am., Monday to Friday. You can walk the distances that are best for you. All you have to do is come out one morning to the doors west of the main entrance to the school and we will gladly show you the walking course.

This exercise program is sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We keep track of the miles we walk. It all adds up! Morris Duff totals it up each year. If you saw the article that Morris wrote about us, you will know that we walked the equivalent of the distance to Pugwash, Nova Scotia! So if physical exercise is in your plans for the new year, come on out!

Looking after the body and also looking after the mind. I am addicted to books and on my trek "south" I made my usual trip to my favourite bookstore in Guelph. One book I bought is titled "Being Peace". The author reminds us, that if we are not happy, we are not peaceful. If we are peaceful we are happy and our peacefulness can benefit our whole society.

We all have many worries and we suffer greatly, but the world is also filled with many wonders. I want to focus on more of those wonders this year. I wish the same for all of you!

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A BIG THANK YOU to Ray Miscio for stopping to help us on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to Bob and Sharon, Police, Fire Department, Ambulance, Doctor and nursing staff at Minden Hospital. Charlie is improving a little each day. Our grateful thanks. God Bless.
Charlie & Mary Anne Campbell.

I should like to thank everyone who helped my Dad and Mom on Christmas Eve.
Glen Campbell.

AT REST

HENDERSON, Brian
(resident of West Guilford, Ontario)

At his residence on Thursday evening, January 1, 1998 in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Elsie Clement. Loving father of Karen of Oshawa, Kathleen of North York, Brenda (Mrs. Allan Morley) of Creemore, Linda (Mrs. Bob Corbett) of Ottawa and Stephen and his wife Olimpia of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Dear brother of Rod, Garth, Richard (Dick) all of West Guilford. Predeceased by his sister Molly in infancy. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy 118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, January 4, 1998 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to West Guilford Baptist Church, West Guilford for Funeral Service on Monday, January 5, 1998 at 11 o'clock. Interment later West Guilford Baptist Church Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) or the West Guilford Baptist Church would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

GOOD, Dr. Harry Everton

Passed away suddenly at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Monday, December 29, 1997. In his 80th year. Beloved husband of Ruth Good of Haliburton. Dear father of Dr. Brian Good and his wife Helen of Eganville, Dennis and his wife Lisa of Cobourg, Michael of Toronto, and Norah and her husband Gord Wood of Broughton of Ottawa. Loving grandfather of nine grandchildren, son of the late W. Frank and Sarah Good, brother of Kathleen of Ottawa, Marguerite of Kingston, Melville of Parham, Donald of Kingston, and predeceased by Chester. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on January 2, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Masonic Service in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

ELIAS, Edward

Passed away suddenly at the York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill on Wednesday, December 31, 1997, at the age of 56. Edward was born and raised in Southern California and came to Canada in 1967. Loving husband of Beverley of Minden. Loving father of Kimberley and her husband Gord Wood of Minden, Trini of Banff, Alberta and Grampa of Blake. Dear son of Arthur and the late Tillie Elias, brother of Thomas, Patricia and Sylvia. Fondly remembered by his many sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Sunday. Then to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church for Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, January 5, 1998 at 11 a.m. Spring Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated.

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